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-- ABSTRACT

The invention related to a method of forming products from lignocellulosic material in which the material is subjected to a binding operation using a phenol formaldehyde resin which is cured during the operation wherein at least one of maleic acid and maleic anhydride is added during the formation of such products so as to be in admixture with the resin when it is cured. --

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